



The Story
of
The New York County Chapter
American Red Cross



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AMERICAN RED CROSS

NEW YORK COUNTY CHAPTER



WE want your "stockings-savings" of loyalty, efficiency, interest and time. We want to gather them up into our great working fund of individual effort through the New York County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

We want you to know how 25,000 or more women are now working on surgical dressings; and how much that means to the executives of our County Chapter and to the Red Cross overseas, and how much it means to the soldiers of France and of the United States. Read, if you will, the letters on page 16. We want this work to be the incentive to 25,000 more women to do the same thing.

But that is only the beginning of our work. If you can sew on hospital garments and supplies for wounded men; if you can work on garments and relief for refugees and civilians; if you can assist at machine work or packing; if you can make coffee or cook a meal; or serve at a canteen in depots day or night; if you can share in organization work or visit soldiers' families in our Home Service in one of the six districts in Manhattan and the Bronx, we want you to join with us.

If you can give one hour a day, one day a week, or any combination of these, or all your time, we want it, to organize it with what others can give in our common endeavor.

If you can work in school, in store, in church, or home, or settlement, at Headquarters or in one of our districts, there is where we can use your gift of time and effort to advantage.

If you are a college woman or business man, factory operative or housekeeper, are deft with your needle, or have chinks of leisure in your profession or work, we need you.

If you are old or young, rich or poor, American, Slav, Japanese, or any of the other racial stocks that go into our common Americanism, we have a welcome for you, and you will find others at your elbow of kindred race and creed and birth.

The part which the New York County Chapter can contribute to the great muster of wartime help rests not on New York's position as the first city of the land in wealth and population, not on the scale on which we plan, nor on the unexerted sympathy of a vast public, but on the free giving of themselves, day after day, and all the time, of just **SUCH SPLENDID PEOPLE AS YOU.**



PORTO RICAN AUXILIARY No. 192

A MELTING POT



JAPANESE AUXILIARY No. 293

As America and the Red Cross join the nations across the sea, so do the nationalities here join us to serve our country. The American Red Cross is the one organization through which all friends of America, in America, can render effective service in winning this war. There is no distinction of race, creed or color in our ranks.



ASSEMBLING A FRONT LINE PACKET AT THE FRENCH HOSPITAL
AUXILIARY No. 133





Nationalities represented in the New York County Chapter, besides those pictured, are:

Swedish
Scotch
Welsh
Czech



ITALIAN
AUXILIARY
AMERICAN
RED CROSS
AUXILIARY
No. 380

SLOVAK
AUXILIARY
OF THE
AMERICAN
RED CROSS
AUXILIARY
No. 119



THE
DAUGHTERS
OF CHINA
AUXILIARY
No. 368



THE UNITED IRISH LEAGUE AUXILIARY No. 37



AUXILIARY No. 305 IN THE HOME OF A GENEROUS FRIEND

THE RED CROSS IS EVERYWHERE

in colleges, in stores, in factories, in churches, in clubs,
in hotels, in homes, and in settlements. It is not difficult
to find your opportunity.



FACILITY EQUIPMENT AIDS THE RED CROSS IN WORK DONE BY EMPLOYEES IN THEIR
SPARE TIME. MAKING HOSPITAL GARMENTS ON THE SEWING MACHINES IN A
CORSET FACTORY "NEMO" AUXILIARY No. 17



NEW YORK COUNTY CHAPTER



MANY BUSINESS WOMEN
GIVE THEIR SPARE TIME
TO THE RED CROSS.
CUSTOM SERVICE CLERKS
AT WORK IN U. S.
APPRAISER STORES
AUXILIARY No. 51



CENTURY THEATRE CLUB AUXILIARY
No. 14



BARNARD
COLLEGE
RED CROSS
AUXILIARY
No. 203



A CORNER OF THE MARGARET COBBIN AUXILIARY No. 35 SHOWS A FEW
OF THE MANY RED CROSS CHURCH WORKERS



THE CUTTING, ASSEMBLING AND SHIPPING ROOM OF THE WEST SIDE WORKROOM
IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE SCHWARZ HOME

OUR PIONEER WORKROOMS

Long before the United States declared war the Model and the West Side workrooms were established. They are now open every day and every evening, setting the standards for speed and perfection in the making of surgical dressings, garments, knitted articles and comfort kits. The New York County Chapter Model Workroom makes samples and demonstrates for the entire Atlantic Division how a workroom should be planned, how records should be kept, and labor-saving devices used.



"SAILORS ON LEAVE" JOIN OTHER WORKERS FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, WHO
COME TO THE MODEL WORKROOM, WHERE AS MANY AS 3,000 FRONT LINE PACKETS,
CONTAINING 33,000 DRESSINGS, HAVE BEEN MADE IN A DAY



MAKING REFUGEE GARMENTS FOR LESS FORTUNATE CHILDREN IN FRANCE

JUNIOR RED CROSS

Children have long served the Red Cross but now they have a department of their own where as Junior Members they have as many responsibilities as their elders, and as many duties to perform. Juniors in public and private schools serve the community and lend a hand in every patriotic activity.



PRIMARY CHILDREN WINDING THREAD CARDS FOR THE SOLDIERS' KITS AND SNIPPING COTTON FOR THE COMFORT PILLOWS



IN THIS REST ROOM THE GIRLS OF THE AMERICAN LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE COMPANY, RED CROSS AUXILIARY NO. 111, REST BY CHANGING THEIR OCCUPATION

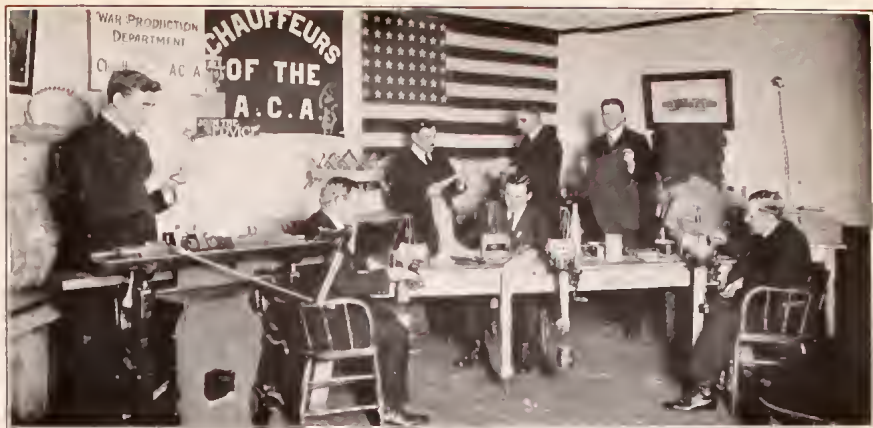
HOW YOU MAY SERVE THE NA

When the United States entered the war the New York County Chapter had only three branches and fourteen auxiliaries; but ten months later it had over four hundred workrooms. To how many shall we be able proudly to point before six more months have elapsed?

No matter who you are or where you are, there is a chance for you to work on surgical dressings, hospital



The scope of Red Cross work is so broad that all business and professional women can be helpful at times. To respond when it comes



MANY BUSY MEN USE THEIR FREE MOMENTS IN WORK FOR THE RED CROSS
THEY HANDLE A KNITTING MACHINE AS EXPERTLY AS AN AUTOMOBILE

ION THROUGH THE RED CROSS

garments and supplies for the comfort of wounded men, and on garments for refugees and civilians in one of these workrooms; or with twenty-four other persons you could form an auxiliary and choose the work you are best fitted to do. Men may assist at machine work and packing in the evening. Inquire at any sign of the Red Cross, or ask the Auxiliary Department at 389 Fifth Avenue, Telephone Vanderbilt 1161.

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to the call
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ARTISTS MODEL LEATHER VESTS FROM OLD KID GLOVES AND BOOKBINDERS' LEATHER
SCRAPS. ART WAR RELIEF AUXILIARY No. 282



ELECTRIC PERFORATING MACHINE USED IN
MARKING FIBER PAPER PATTERNS FROM WHICH
THE GOODS IS MARKED FOR CUTTING



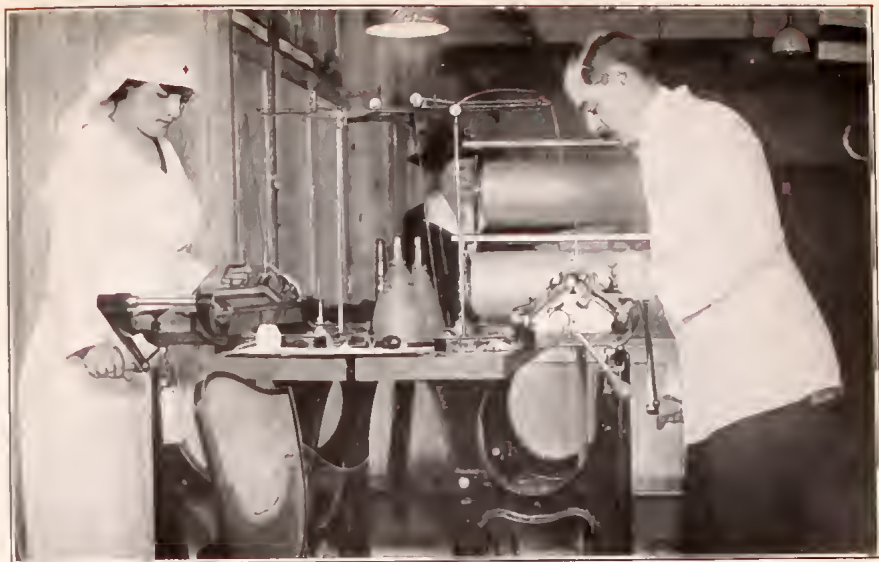
PURF DUSTER USED OVER PHOTOLATED PATTERNS
IN MARKING GOODS FOR CUTTING

EFFICIENCY

Machinery and electricity are vital factors for speed. These illustrations show a few of the many time and labor-saving devices used for the work of the New York County Chapter.



THREE ELECTRIC CUTTING MACHINES AT WORK AND A LAY-UP MACHINE PREPARING A LAY FOR MARKING AND CUTTING AT THE ATLANTIC DIVISION CUTTING DEPARTMENT



IN FURNISHING A MILLION AND A HALF SWEATERS TO THE MEN IN SERVICE A MACHINE WHICH MAKES ONE IN 35 MINUTES IS A GREAT ASSET

The Cutting Department of the Atlantic Division at 20 East Fifteenth Street, New York City, was started and operated by the New York County Chapter until it was given over to the Atlantic Division on December 1st, 1917. Its services are still available for all workrooms of the New York County Chapter.

Experiments are being made in baling Red Cross products which will permit the shipping of double the supplies in the same space as formerly used and with one-third less cost.



OUR RECORD FOR MACHINE WORK ON A PAIR OF SOCKS IS 18 MINUTES. THE TIME CONSUMED BY THE AVERAGE WORKER IS ABOUT 50 MINUTES



LEARN TO CARE FOR THE SICK IN THE HOMES AND RELEASE A TRAINED NURSE FOR THE FRONT

**THE TEACHING CENTER CLASSES
ARE HELD IN:**

Home Care of the Sick
First Aid to the Injured
Home Dietetics

Canteen Service
Knitting
Hospital Garment-Making



CAREFUL PREPARATION OF FOOD IS IMPORTANT IN CARING FOR THE SICK



ONE MAN MAILED A POSTCARD SAYING, "JUST FINISHED SANDWICHES AND COFFEE SERVED BY THE RED CROSS. WE ARE BEGINNING TO REALIZE WHAT THE RED CROSS REALLY MEANS"

MAKING THE MEN IN SERVICE HAPPY

Soldiers and sailors do not have to wait to get to France to see the Red Cross Canteen in action. At the wayside stops, at the stations, or on the chilly wharves the men in uniform find the Red Cross Canteens waiting to greet them, to serve refreshments of hot coffee, sandwiches or a "smoke." A hot meal, too, is occasionally supplied if for any reason the army ration fails. The men go on their way with greater courage, knowing that those at home have not forgotten them.



THE LARGEST COFFEE MAKING PLANT IN THE WORLD IS OPERATED BY THE NEW YORK COUNTY CHAPTER. AS MUCH AS SEVEN TONS OF LIQUID COFFEE CAN BE SERVED IN A DAY



THE RED CROSS HAS UNDER ITS CARE FAMILIES OF SIXTEEN DIFFERENT NATIONALITIES. THIS FAMILY IS RELUCTANT TO SEE ITS HOME SERVICE VISITOR LEAVE

KEEPING THE "HOME FIRES BURNING"

The Red Cross does more for the man in service than merely to care for him when he is sick or wounded. The moment he leaves his home for the training camp it becomes his personal friend and stands ready not only to care for his own comfort and cheer, but, by giving aid and counsel to the people he leaves behind, to lift the load of family anxiety from his shoulders.

No problems of business, health, or education can possibly arise in his absence which will be too large or too small for the Home Service Section to meet with thoughtfulness and sympathy. The man is made to realize this and he sails to Europe a better and keener soldier. The man's family is made to realize this and it sends him to Europe with a cheerier blessing.

You who would give your worldly goods or the best of yourselves to repay the debt to the man who is fighting for you, here is your opportunity! Serve him through serving his family!



EXPERT LAWYERS GIVE THEIR TIME TO HELP THESE FAMILIES IN CONNECTION WITH ASSIGNED PAY, ALLOTMENTS, AND OTHER LEGAL PROBLEMS

Home Service visitors are not uniformed, display no Red Cross emblem, nor advertise their mission in any way. The work is not charity, it is a service to the country.



THE SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS HOME SERVICE ARRANGES SCHOLARSHIPS SO THAT CHILDREN OF ENLISTED MEN, WHO OTHERWISE WOULD HAVE TO GO TO WORK, MAY REMAIN AT SCHOOL

RELATIVES OF OUR ALLIES LEARNING AT THE INFORMATION BUREAU, 389 FIFTH AVENUE, HOW TO TRACE THEIR FAMILIES IN THE INVADIED DISTRICTS AND TO SEND MONEY TO A PRISONER

HOW THEY FEEL ABOUT IT

"To the American Red Cross:

"How can I send my thanks, deep, sincere, heartfelt thanks, to a woman in New York who one morning in January stood in the cold and gave my boy a cup of coffee and some sandwiches as the Engineers marched from a troop train to their transport?

"He writes me: 'We had reveille at 12:30 a. m. and left camp at 3:30. Entrained at 5 o'clock and were on our transport at 8:30. At the transport dock about six Red Cross ladies met us with hot coffee and big baskets of sandwiches. Tasted pretty good after our train ride and march through the cold.'

"Oh—thank you, thank you, dear 'Red Cross lady,' and as I write this I think of all the other women who, too, thank you and those like you. Perhaps you've been too busy to think of anything but the boys themselves and the comfort you might give them, but you have refreshed many a lonely, anxious heart at home besides cheering on their way those dear boys, many of whom left American soil that morning never to return.

"Whoever you are I shall remember you always and pray God to return to you in some way the comfort your kindness has given to me."

A POSTCARD MESSAGE FROM A SOLDIER

*Passing Through Pennsylvania Station
New York City*

As we left New York agoing forth,
Today to fight for the Land of Worth,
We made a pause in "Penusy" while
The Red Cross girl with cheery smile
Brought to us a postcard there
To lighten home folks' worried care—
An apple too and a cigarette—
But the farewell smile we'll not forget,
For the 'couraging smile of the women here
Will win the war—now get that clear,
For the soldier knows that he must fight
To keep that smile forever bright.

WILL YOU HELP US TO HELP THEM?

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